

Spirit of Jefferson.

Charlestown, West Va., March 23, 1875.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

DR. GUARD'S LECTURE.—A large and brilliant audience assembled to hear Dr. Guard, in Washington Hall, on Friday evening. The public expectation, though wrought up to a high pitch, was not prepared for the extraordinary display of oratorical power which the eminent divine exhibited. We know what we were saying, when we commended Dr. Guard as a surpassingly brilliant orator, and there was no need for a skeptical public to discount our praise. On the contrary, all now freely admit that our description fell short of the truth. He is himself the living embodiment of his own conception of the orator—whom he described as a powerful battery surcharged with electricity, discharging upon, and communicating to his auditors a series of electric shocks, and establishing a current of wonderful intensity and power.

His subject was Man's relation to the Earth. He related this relation, first in its physical character, secondly in its mental, and lastly as moral and artistic. It would be simply folly to attempt either synopsis, or description. The subject was so well adapted to draw out and illustrate the varied requirements and resources of the speaker, as scientist, philosopher, and poet and prophet. We can not say more than that he reminded us of Cicero's description of the Perfect Orator, who, he declares, should know all things, and understand how to deliver himself of them.

Dr. Guard's delivery is a marvel of artistic finish, and dramatic power. It was on this account that we were particularly anxious to see present those young men in our county who expect at any time to come before the public in the capacity of teacher, or public speaker. We desired them to see illustrated the difference between their average "American Stump-Speaker," and the true orator, the distinction and contrast between the loud, coarse, vulgar, and broken blast of the trumpet, and the cultivated melody of that organic harp, called the human voice!

Those of our readers who did not avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him, will be pleased to learn that Dr. Guard has consented to deliver another lecture in Charlestown, for the benefit of the Methodist Church.

COUNTY COURT.—The March term of the County Court commenced on Monday of last week and continued in session until Friday, when it adjourned for the term. Col. R. W. Taylor, President, and Justices Henkle and Riedel, composed the Court.

On the first day of the Court, President Taylor was waited upon by Deputy U. S. Marshall Turner Schley, and served with a writ of injunction, issued by Judge Jackson of the United States Court, perpetually restraining the collection of taxes from the B. & O. R. R. Company.

The Grand Jury was sworn and only remained in session for a short time, bringing in but one indictment, against Thomas Ross, colored, for petty larceny (stealing a sheep), who, pleading "Guilty," was committed to the County Jail for 15 days.

The following named persons composed the Grand Jury:

Wm. Beall, Foreman; Jas. Law Hooff, George Knoles, M. C. Brackitt, Jno. S. Moore, Isaac H. Strider, A. W. Hawks, James O'bourn, John W. Hendricks, James H. Shepherd, David T. Jones, O. B. Mix.

The Petit Jury was discharged on Thursday.

TOWN COUNCIL MATTERS.—The Town Council met on Tuesday night last—Mayor Davis, Recorder Duke, and Councilmen H. H. McDuffy, being present.

The committee on Market-House lot made a report, recommending the leasing of a building site fronting 35 feet on George street and running back to a depth of 35 feet, and fixed upon \$1.65 per foot frontage as a minimum price for the same. The report was concurred in, and the committee directed to advertise the said ground.

A report was also made by the committee on Fire Department and Apparatus, and a committee appointed to ascertain probable cost of new Engine House 20 x 30 feet, and two stories in height.

JEFFERSON LITERARY SOCIETY.—At the regular meeting of the Society, on Friday evening next, the question continued for discussion from the 12th instant will be re-opened for debate, viz:

"Should Free Education, provided by the State, be Compulsory?"

Debaters.

Affirmative—Rev. W. G. Hammond, William L. Wilson.

Negative—Wm. H. Travers, Herbert Thompson.

Altitudes.

Affirmative—Rev. A. C. Hopkins, Forrest Brown.

Negative—Charles Davies, A. E. Kennedy.

PASSION WEEK.—Passion Week services have been appointed for Zion (Episcopal) Church, as follows:

Monday, 7 o'clock, P. M.
Tuesday, 8 o'clock, A. M.
Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.
Thursday, 8 o'clock, A. M., and 7 o'clock, P. M.
Good Friday, 11 o'clock, A. M.
Saturday, 8 o'clock, A. M., and 4 o'clock, P. M.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. J. McKendree Bailey, of Wheeling, a prominent member of the West Va. Conference, M. E. Church, visited friends here last week.

We were pleased to receive a call, on Friday, from the Rev. Dr. C. W. Andrews, of Shepherdstown.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE FOR APRIL, 1875.

—Harper's Magazine for April offers fresh attractions to all classes of readers. It opens with a beautiful narrative by Miss Constance F. Woolson, amply and finely illustrated, of a summer tour among the mountains of Western North Carolina. Readers who have followed Miss Thackeray's charming serial, "Miss Angel," will find with special interest to the article by E. Mason on Angelica Kauffman, illustrated by some of that artist's finest etchings. The Sixth Paper of the First Century Series is contributed by the Hon. David A. Wells, and is an able and comprehensive review of our progress during the century in Manufacture. A new and very important series of papers is commenced in this Number, entitled "The Stone Age in Europe."—The most entertaining and novel feature of this Number is the Hon. S. S. Cox's paper on American Humor. James Parton continues his series of papers on Caricature. The two serials, "Rape of the Gamp" and "Miss Angel," are continued; and there are also three capital short stories. The *Easy Chair* recurs to the moral of Jefferson's "Rip Van Winkle," and chats in a characteristic vein about the Groville Memoirs, St. Valentine's Day, and the sincerity of true courtesy. The *Scientific Record* is very comprehensive in its summary of scientific progress, and the *Drauer* contains some hitherto unpublished anecdotes of President Lincoln.

MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE. M. P. Church.—This religious body, after having been in session for seven days, in Baltimore, Md., adjourned on Wednesday last.

Lynchburg was selected as the place for the meeting of the next Conference.

A report was adopted recommending the following among other mission appropriations, Williamsport and Berkeley, \$200; Harper's Ferry, \$100.

Rev. J. A. McFadden was granted a superannuated relation.

Among the appointments we find the names of W. M. Strayer to Belair circuit; T. O. Crouse, Harper's Ferry Mission; H. E. Miskimon, Elkington City; C. O. Melvin, Williamsport and Berkeley.

LIST OF ADVERTISED LETTERS remaining in the Charlestown Post Office, March 20th, 1875:

Ladies.
Miss Julia Berry, 2; Mrs. Nellie Bayersson; Mrs. Eliza A. S. Schaeffer.

Gentlemen.
James Hanrahan, Care of Catharine Amber; John W. Lichtenberg; Squire J. Matton; F. T. Morton; John Miller; John Palmer; Howard Smallwood; Solivar Stribling.

The above letters, if not called for within thirty days, will be sent to the dead letter office. Persons calling for them will please say that they are advertised.

G. LEISERLING, P. M.

MORE CONTRACTS.—Mr. J. C. Holmes, of this place, has contracted with Col. John M. Miller, of Middletown, Frederick County, Virginia, to build a Depot at that place. It is to be in the tasty style of the buildings for Depots along the line of the Valley Division of the B. & O. R. R. He has also undertaken to repair quite a number of buildings in Staunton for the Railroad company. So much for go-ahead-iveness and good work.

FAREWELL SERMON.—Rev. G. L. Layburn, of the Loudoun Street Presbyterian Church, preached his last sermon to his congregation on Sunday morning. He will sail from New York on the 25th instant, for Athens, Greece, to begin his missionary labors. His family will accompany him. A call has been extended by the congregation to Rev. Mr. White, of South Western Virginia, to fill his place.

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—The West Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church met at Point Pleasant on the 3d of March. There are 150 preachers in this conference, with a lay membership of 39,000. In the appointments made J. McK. Reiley was sent to Fourth Street, Wheeling, and A. R. Reiley to Parkerburg.

THE LAST DAYS ARE AT HAND.—"Watch your chances," look to your interests, secure your tickets and for the \$50,000 so that you may be relieved of the cares and troubles of the future. Do not fail to invest a dollar in the Texas Gift Concert Association. Those who desire purchasing should apply at once to their local Agent.

QUARTERLY MEETING.—The First Quarterly Meeting for Charlestown Station, for this Conference year, will be held next Saturday and Sunday, in the M. E. Church South. Preaching on Saturday night. The Rev. Dr. Register and Rev. Mr. Ferguson will be present.

MORE CHICKEN THEFTING.—The household of Mr. Jas. H. Conklyn, of this county, was visited on Friday night last, and about a dozen chickens taken therefrom, by some thief or thieves.

SALE OF LAND.—Sixteen acres of land, belonging to Thomas H. Anderson, was sold at public auction on Saturday by Sheriff T. A. McFadden, auctioneer—at \$28.75 per acre. John Kable purchaser.

CANDY.—Two cups of sugar, two large teaspoons of vinegar and half a cup of water. Boil together and add vanilla or lemon for flavor. It must be worked before it is very cold.

During the year 1874, thirty-four patents were granted to West Virginians, by the United States Patent office at Washington, D. C.

—A Yankee editor threw up the sponge with the remark that "it don't pay to run a paper in a town where business men read all manes and pick their teeth with the tail of a herring."

—Julia Ward Howe says that "there is nothing so beneficial to a young man as the companionship of sisters." She doesn't say whose.

—"Ah! glorious weather, this," says the doctor: "splendid run of broken legs lately."

—An exchange notices marriages under the heading of "Doings of the week."

—A tin sign in South Boston, Mass., reads, "D—n, Professor of Rheumatism."

SALE BILLS printed neatly and at low rates at this office.

PUBLIC SALES.—The attention of our readers is directed to the following Public Sale advertisements in this paper:

Tuesday, March 23d.—Real Estate, by W. H. Travers, George Baylor and Joseph Trapnell, Special Commissioners.

Tuesday, March 23d.—Real Estate, by D. B. Lucas and W. H. Travers, Special Commissioners.

Tuesday, March 23d.—Real Estate, by C. Faulkner, Jr., and Frank Beckwith, Special Commissioners.

Wednesday, March 24th.—Real Estate, by D. B. Lucas, Special Commissioner.

Wednesday, March 24th.—Real Estate, by I. T. Chapline, Trustee.

Thursday, March 25th.—Personal Property, by Dr. J. Gregg Gibson.

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Friday, March 26th.—Personal Property, by Capt. H. W. Kearney.

Saturday, March 27th.—Personal Property, by John Shetter.

Saturday, March 27th.—Real Estate, by Andrew Hunter and N. S. White, Special Commissioners.

A CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.—A correspondent writes as follows about the power of a well-known plant:

"I have discovered a remedy for pulmonary consumption. It has cured a number of cases after they had commenced bleeding from the lungs, and the hectic fever already on the cheek. After trying this remedy to my satisfaction, I have thought it my duty to publish it, should I should like to be known to the world."

It is the common mallow, steeped strong, and sweetened with coffee sugar, and drank freely. The herb should be gathered before the end of July, if convenient. Young or old plants are good dried in the shade, and kept in clean paper bags. The medicine must be continued from four to six months, according to the nature of the disease. It is good for the blood vessels also. It strengthens the system and builds up instead of taking away strength. It makes good blood and takes inflammation from the lungs. It is the wish of the writer that every periodical in the United States, Canada and Europe should publish this recipe for the benefit of the human family. Use this by and keep it in the house ready for use."—*Ec.*

—It is said of a good natured fellow, that he was apt to forgive injuries as most people are to forget benefits.

—Two tons of testimony thus far, says the New Haven Register—Moultou and T. L. T. T.

—When does the wind deserve reproof? When it whistles through the house.

—Fine feathers make a good pillow—as a course goes.

—Duty on dry goods—That of husbands to buy them.

—Quarrel with dead men and you will not get hurt.

—Good bread is often much kneaded.

—Natural slippers—E. L.

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

Flour.—Superior, Saturday, March 20th, 1875.

Wheat.—No. 1, 1.25; No. 2, 1.20; No. 3, 1.15; No. 4, 1.10; No. 5, 1.05; No. 6, 1.00; No. 7, 0.95; No. 8, 0.90; No. 9, 0.85; No. 10, 0.80; No. 11, 0.75; No. 12, 0.70; No. 13, 0.65; No. 14, 0.60; No. 15, 0.55; No. 16, 0.50; No. 17, 0.45; No. 18, 0.40; No. 19, 0.35; No. 20, 0.30; No. 21, 0.25; No. 22, 0.20; No. 23, 0.15; No. 24, 0.10; No. 25, 0.05; No. 26, 0.00; No. 27, 0.00; No. 28, 0.00; No. 29, 0.00; No. 30, 0.00; No. 31, 0.00; No. 32, 0.00; No. 33, 0.00; No. 34, 0.00; No. 35, 0.00; No. 36, 0.00; No. 37, 0.00; No. 38, 0.00; No. 39, 0.00; No. 40, 0.00; No. 41, 0.00; No. 42, 0.00; No. 43, 0.00; No. 44, 0.00; No. 45, 0.00; No. 46, 0.00; No. 47, 0.00; No. 48, 0.00; No. 49, 0.00; No. 50, 0.00; No. 51, 0.00; No. 52, 0.00; No. 53, 0.00; No. 54, 0.00; No. 55, 0.00; No. 56, 0.00; No. 57, 0.00; No. 58, 0.00; No. 59, 0.00; No. 60, 0.00; No. 61, 0.00; No. 62, 0.00; No. 63, 0.00; No. 64, 0.00; No. 65, 0.00; No. 66, 0.00; No. 67, 0.00; No. 68, 0.00; No. 69, 0.00; No. 70, 0.00; No. 71, 0.00; No. 72, 0.00; 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